

## **SCR 70 Medicaid Buy-In Study Group**

**Wednesday, November 28, 2018**

**1:30 – 3:30 pm**

**Medical Society of Delaware**

**900 Prides Crossing, Newark, DE 19713**

### **Meeting Attendance**

#### **Task Force Members:**

##### **Present:**

Senator Bryan Townsend  
Representative Paul Baumbach  
Representative Michael Ramone  
Steve Groff  
Dr. Kara Walker  
Emmilyn Lawson  
Dr. Nancy Fan  
Todd Graham  
Barry Dahllof  
Wayne Smith  
Emily Thomas  
Dr. Julia Pillsbury  
Dr. Jayshree Tailor  
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##### **Attendees:**

Pam Price  
Steven Costantino  
Kiki Evinger  
Molly Magarik  
Fred Gibison  
Tammy Tomczyk

##### **Organization:**

Highmark  
Dept. of Health & Social Services  
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Mercer  
Oliver Wyman

Jonathan Kirch  
Christine Schiltz  
Drew Wilson  
Jack Guerin

Kathy Collison  
Joe Bryant  
Jennifer Harris  
Rebecca Byrd  
Cheryl Heiks

American Heart Association  
Parkowski, Guerke & Swayze  
Medical Society of Delaware/Morris James  
Unitarian Universalist DE Advocacy  
Network  
Division of Public Health, DHSS  
Governor's Office  
N/A  
The Byrd Group  
Webster Consulting/Connections

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The meeting was brought to order at 1:35 p.m.

**Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes:**

Dr. Fan motioned to approve the draft meeting minutes without changes. Commissioner Navarro seconded the motion. The study group voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes as-is.

**Discussion of Draft Recommendations:**

The study group discussed the draft recommendations report put together by DHSS in conjunction with Fred Gibison and Tammy Tomczyk of Mercer and Oliver Wyman, respectively. In general, the study group members discussed the following matters:

- **Whether the study group should pursue a 20% or 30% reinsurance program.**
  - ✓ Emmilyn Lawson asked if there is data on reinsurance programs above 30%. Tommy Tomczyk indicated that none of the other state models have gone above 30%.
  - ✓ Commissioner Navarro and Todd Graham said they think the program should be at 20%.
  - ✓ Dr. Fan suggested that we start the reinsurance program at 20% but revisit that number annually and adjust as needed.
- **Whether to keep the recommendation to pursue a state level individual mandate/penalty.**
  - ✓ It was noted that when the federal mandate/penalty was in place, Delawareans paid \$8.7 million in penalties.
  - ✓ The study group decided unanimously to keep the individual mandate/penalty as a recommendation.
- **Incentives for individuals to change their health behaviors.**
  - ✓ Rep. Ramone proposed offering monetary incentives to insured individuals to encourage healthier behavior/actions, such as offering discounts on premiums for using a Fitbit to document regular exercise, etc.

- ✓ Todd Graham said that there isn't any data to support the idea that using a Fitbit changes health behavior or reduces health care costs.
- ✓ Dr. Varipapa cited individuals' concern about having their health information tracked by "Big Brother."

**Public Comment:**

Jonathan Kirch & Jack Guerrin spoke during the public comment portion of the hearing. Mr. Kirch said that a substantial number of people will benefit from the study groups' efforts. Mr. Guerrin asked whether the study group continues after its report is issued.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.